

Mao Speeds His Evolution

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The Chinese Communists

are determined to

make their

communism

as far as

possible

to reduce everybody to

a likeless existence amount-

equally to slavery in the

state under Mao Tse-tung. Yet there is a kind o

fascism behind the whole grisly busi-

ness in the madness. A

U.S. Admiral Rickover, in

his talk made to the Columbi

an Club in New York, the re-

ason was

China with over 800

million people is only three times as

large as the United States,

but because of technology cannot

exist on a level above

subsistence. "When there is no

work at all, men cannot be

individualists—they must

be conformists; else the whole

nation will starve."

They believe in the siren song of Marx

and Engels how to perform miracles

in the distribution—the only way

left from certain starvation

is to let people increase more

than they are able to increase

themselfs. All the so-called

free countries are in this pre-

dicted. It has taken Mao to admit

that he, too, in his usual logic and

stupidity, has to state how this

problem can be turned to

advantage. China, he has said,

has won an atomic war since she

has lost half her population.

Thus a hard-working

and practical—perhaps too

naive—Mao has now reached the

stage of degradation when half

the human beings are of no use

as potential atomic fodder

whereas ruler will unhesitatingly

die in the sacred name of Marxism

and communism.

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Regimented Uniformity

It is now claimed that by next month 700,000 old-style rural villages will have been disbanded and merged into 100,000 Communes. Each will make a single unit-head of an average of 8,000 families with the largest said to be as high as 20,000. Women, children and the aged are included in this socialist nightmare of regimented life, under which eventually a Chinese will be completely de-personalized without property or social life, and all private and family life will almost cease to exist.

Communal dormitories, mess halls and nurseries will be set up for all persons and workers will be mobilized for transfer as power demands to either agricultural production, local industrial or rehabilitation work of army service.

Along with the supplies of the necessities of life, the Communists pay basic wages which are classified into different grades according to intensity of work. They also pay bonuses where norms are exceeded.

Ideological Conclusion

The way the Chinese Communists are carrying Communism to its logical conclusion might also give pause to those of collectivist predilections in and other free nations. And indeed all of us there is something both disconcerting about the spectacle of China with its 650 million people constantly growing, being turned into one huge camp of armed automation. But there is also, perhaps, a modicum of comfort for the West in the spectacle. As the European Reds realize, the Chinese Communists right now are more extreme than the Soviets. Communists; since Stalin's death some effort has been made to lessen rather than tighten the totalitarian screws in Russia. This wedge of difference could sharpen the ideological contentions already existing between Moscow and Peiping and hasten the day of a possible falling-out of the two Communist colossi.

Apart from that, the kind of slavery the Red Chinese rulers are establishing is not likely to prove efficient in the long run. Even the Soviets, after they had finally numbed their people with terror, discovered that.

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